

Resolution No: 15-1152

Introduced: September 6, 2005

Adopted: September 27, 2005

COUNTY COUNCIL  
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

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By: County Council

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SUBJECT: Categorical Transfer Among Major Categories #06-54  
FY05 Operating Budget  
Montgomery County Public Schools  
\$5,000,000

Background

1. Section 5-105 of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland provides for transfers among major categories of the Operating Budget of the Board of Education only with the approval of the County Council.
2. The County Executive received on July 27, 2005, the Board of Education's request for a transfer among state categories as follows:

| <u>Category</u> | <u>Description</u>                   | <u>From</u>        | <u>To</u>          |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1               | Administration                       | \$ 500,000         |                    |
| 2               | Mid-level Administration             | 500,000            |                    |
| 3               | Instructional Salaries               | 2,800,000          |                    |
| 4               | Textbooks and Instructional Supplies | 1,200,000          |                    |
| 5               | Other Instructional Costs            |                    | \$1,200,000        |
| 9               | Student Transportation               |                    | 2,200,000          |
| 12              | Fixed Charges                        |                    | 1,600,000          |
| <b>Totals</b>   |                                      | <b>\$5,000,000</b> | <b>\$5,000,000</b> |

3. The Superintendent of schools has requested authorization to make an FY05 categorical transfer to align budgeted appropriations with actual expenditures. This request would offset deficits in Other Instructional Costs (Category 5), Student Transportation (Category 9), and Fixed Charges (Category 12) by transferring surpluses from Administration (Category 1), Mid-level Administration (Category 2), Instructional Salaries (Category 3), and Textbooks and Instructional Supplies (Category 4).

4. The surpluses in the categories noted above were due primarily to lower student enrollment than had been earlier projected for the past school year. The deficit in Other Instructional Costs was attributable to expenditures to support the Technology for Curriculum Mastery initiative. The deficit in Student Transportation was the result of rising fuel costs. The deficit in Fixed Charges was caused mainly by increasing costs of medical and prescription drug services for the Employee Benefit Plan, which reflects national trends.
5. The County Executive recommends approval of this transfer.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, approves the following action:

The FY05 Operating Budget of the Montgomery County Public Schools is hereby amended, and a transfer of appropriation is approved as follows:

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This is a correct copy of Council action.



Linda M. Lauer  
Clerk of the Council